

REMARKS

Please note the fact that January 28, 2007, fell on a Sunday ensures that this paper is timely filed as of today, Monday, January 29, 2007 (the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday or Sunday).

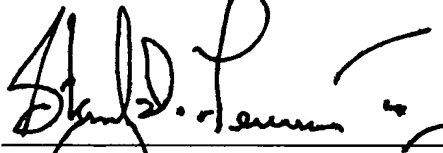
Applicants and the undersigned are most grateful for the time and effort accorded the instant application by the Examiner. The Office is respectfully requested to reconsider the rejection present in the outstanding Office Action in light of the following remarks.

At the time of the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-10 and 14-24 were pending. Of these claims, Claims 1, 5 and 7 are independent claims; the remaining claims are dependent claims. In this Amendment, Applicants have amended Claims 4, 15, 20, and 21, and cancelled Claims 1-3, 5-10, 14, 16-19, and 22-23 without prejudice. It should also be noted these amendments are not in acquiescence of the Office's position on allowability of the claims, but merely to expedite prosecution.

The only claims currently pending are Claims 4, 15, 20 and 21. In the outstanding Office Action, the Office objected to these Claims as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but stated these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In the above amendments, Applicants have amended these claims to include the allowable subject matter as noted by the Office. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of Claims 4, 15, 20 and 21 should be withdrawn.

In summary, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application, including Claims 4, 15, 20 and 21, are presently in condition for allowance. Notice to the effect is hereby earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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